Senate Study Bill 3083 - Introduced

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the documentation required to prepare
2   a notice of alleged paternity and support debt in
3   administrative paternity proceedings.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 252F.3, subsection 1, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:
3 The unit may prepare a notice of alleged paternity and
4 support debt to be served on a party if the mother of the
5 child, or a person with knowledge of the circumstances of
6 possible paternity or assertions of paternity including but not
7 limited to a government official relying on government records,
8 provides a written statement to the ~~unit~~ department of human
9 services certifying in accordance with section 622.1 that the
10 putative father is or may be the biological father of the child
11 or children involved. The notice shall be accompanied by a
12 copy of the statement and served on the putative father in
13 accordance with rule of civil procedure 1.305. Service upon
14 the mother shall not constitute valid service upon the putative
15 father. The notice shall include or be accompanied by all of
16 the following:
17   EXPLANATION
18 This bill allows the use of a written statement certified
19 under penalty of perjury by a person with knowledge of the
20 circumstances of possible paternity or assertions of paternity,
21 including but not limited to a government official relying on
22 government records, to act as the basis for preparation by the
23 child support recovery unit of a notice of alleged paternity
24 and support debt to be served on the putative father in an
25 administrative establishment of paternity proceeding. Under
26 current law, the only basis for preparation of the notice is
27 the certified written statement of the mother of the child
28 provided to the child support recovery unit.